## WIMAN MAY PLEAD GUILTY.

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HE WILL NOT DENT FORGING ENDORSE-MENIS ON TWO CHECKS.

He Had Born Used to Borrowing the Amounts Pate by R. G. Dun & Co. to Builinger and Brower and the Time Came When Ing Helped Himself Without Their Permission, Writing Their Names for Them on the Back of R. G. Dan & Co.'s Cheeks to Their Order-The Letter He Wrote to Mr. Dun-He Abandons the Idea of Giving Ball, Although It to Offered.

Mr. Erastus Wiman, who was arrested on Wednesday afternoon on a charge of forgery, spent yesterday in the Tombs without any attempt to secure his release on bail. Late in the afternoon it became pretty generally understood that no bail would be offered, and that when Mr. Wiman is called before the bar of the Court of General Sessions to plead to the indictments he will plead guilty and throw himself upon the mercy of the court.

This information was gathered from a number of sources, but principally from friends of and con the prisoner who were admitted to see him in would a his cell in the Tombs. Mr. Wiman himself declined to see any reporters, and his counsel, Mr. A. B. Boardman, Jr., of Tracy, Boardman Platt, said that he had no statement whatever to make for publication, and that he had also advised his client to remain silent.

One of the callers, who preferred that his name should not appear in print, said:

father information hority after Lawyer boardman left Mr. Ray-called. He is a neighbor of Mr. Wiman to theorge, 8. It is a reconst of the crowded condition of the ubs it was necessary to place Mr. Wiman in So. 5. In "Murderors" Row, "when he was uight in on Wednesday evening. No vacans having occurred yesterday, he was not re-

moved to another tier. Mr. Wiman seems to be philosophical and calm about his imprisonment, except that he did not sleep very well Wednesday night. He breakfasted on steak, toast, and coffee yesterday morning and had his other meals seat to him from the prison restaurant. Any prisoner who can afford it may have what he chooses to eat. Yesterday morning Mr. Wiman worried about his son Frank G. Wiman, who is ill with pneumonia; but after the visit of his son H. D. Wiman, who assured him that Frank had not been told of the arrest, the father dismissed this care and settled down patiently to await the visit of his counsel.

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Hefore his friend spoke Mr. Wiman had sent out this statement to reporters:

I would be very glad to see you, but under the advice of my counsel, Gen. Trany, I will make no statement until my turn comes. I am sorry to deny anything to a newspaper man, but must adhere to that determination at present. When the ammunition of the moving powers against me is exhausted and their hired men are done arraigning me and trying me in the newspapers, perhaps it will be time

powers against me is exhausted and their hired men are done arraigning me and trying me in the newspapers, perhaps it will be time for me to speak.

Speculation yesterday was chiefly centred on what would be the allegation concerning the nature of the transactions by means of which Mr. Wiman obtained \$219,000 of Mr. R. G. Dun's money. The two cheeks, for the forging of which he is indicted, were for only \$10,000, but in his statement accusing Mr. Wiman, De Lancey Nicoll said that the total amount gone was \$229,000. Mr. Nicoll also said that the means employed by Mr. Wiman were innumerable, and constituted a variety of crimes. He made a half promise on Wednesday night that he would tell the whole story yesterday. He was seen at his home in East Thirty-eighth street yesterday afternoon.

"I have concluded," he said, "that since the matter has passed out of my hands and into the hands of the prosecuting officer of the county, it would be improper for me to make any further statement regarding the case, The statement that I made to you last night I think covers the case fully, except in the matter of details, and under the circumstances I do not think it would be right for me to add to it."

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Mr. Wiman was advertised to deliver a jecture at tiranomar School 27. In Fast Forty-second atreet, on "The Great North-land" last night. There was a large crowd present and they applauded when Prof. Richard F. Mayne of Fordham College was introduced. Prof. Marne spoke on Fostry. Superiniendent Brady, who presided, made no excuses for Mr. Wiman and no reference was made to that gentleman during the evening.

HEWITT'S VIEWS OF THINGS.

SOMETHING UNEXPECTED FOR THE SOUTHERN SOCIETY TO CHEW.

A Speech at Its Annual Banquet Finding Fault with Southern Statesmen of To-day -A Southern Orator Makes a Brief Reply

Of all the intended speakers at the banquet of the Southern Society, held at Sherry's last night, only one was present. Secretary Carlisle, Speaker Crisp, and Representative Isidor Ray-ner were unable to leave Washington. Private John Allen was unavoidably absent, and Col. George B. McClellan was ill. But the Southern Society got other speakers to fill their places Among these speakers was ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, who talked to the Southerners in somewhat the same vein as Joseph H. Choate talked to the Irishmen in his memorable St. Patrick's

Day speech last year.
Pelore Mr. Hewitt had got through there were flushed faces, wrinkled brows, and tingling ears among the Southerners, and nelther the retort of one of their young orators nor the diplomatic and conciliatory speech of Ellhu Root could entirely take away the feeling that they had bitten into an oratorical sugar plum and found it full of red pepper. The President of the society, Charles A. Deshon, regretted in his introductory speech

the absence of the invited speakers. He said: The distinguished gentlemen who were to have been at once our guests and speakers are not with us tonight. The Democratic Senate has precipitately de

14 to 18 Park place. The best food cooked as your mother used to cook it, and quickly served. George S. Brush, Frey's. - dole

A DURL FOR THE DRINKS.

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How a Stranger Paid Hits Score to an Orange Haloon,

ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 22.-Short broadswords were the weapons used in an Orange saloon early yesterday morning in a duel between the proprietor. Thomas Murdo, and a mysterious stranger who signed "John Samuel Sanders" to an agreement between the principals not to hold each other responsible for the result. The swords are of steel, about 18% inches long, with a double-adged blade two inches in width. Heavy brass handles cause them to weigh seven pounds each. The swords still occupy their place back of the bar, and some blood stains apparently prove that the instruments have been recently used.

The saloon of Murdo is at 20 Centre street, a few doors south of the leading business street of Orange. It was nearly 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning when a stranger entered the saloon and called for a drink. Mr. Murdo and a party of friends had been enjoying themselves at cards and did not notice that the time had flown so quickly that midnight, the hour when all saloon keepers are supposed to close their places of business, had long passed. On drawing the drink and handing it to the stranger Murdo of course expected payment, and was somewhat surprised when the stranger, who appeared to be perfectly sober, signified a willingness to do battle for the price of the beer. At first Murdo was not entirely favorable to this plan Murdo was not entirely favorable to this plan of procedure, but the stranger began to use some large words of an uncomplimentary character, so the saloon keeper acquiesced. It was decided to use as weapons the two broadswords which ornamented the bar. They were quickly upsheathed, and after the stranger had examined them and found them to be in good condition, articles of agreement were drawn up. A part of the agreement read as follows:

RAINSFORD BLACKBALLED.

THE RECTOR OF ST. GEORGE'S NOT TO JOIN THE MILLIONAIRES CLUB.

Its President Is a Vestryman in His Church-The Names of Addison Communek and Collis P. Huntington Wers Oses Put Un for Admission, but They Were Withdrawn,

The Metropolitan Club, on the northwest corner of Sixtleth street and Fifth avenue, has been known for the last two years as the most ambitious social organization of the kind in the country. The site is a part of the estate in which the downger Duchess of Mariborough, once Mrs. Hamersley, has an interest. The President of the club is J. Plerpont Morgan, the Vice-President is Sidney Webster, the Treasurer is George S. Bowdoln, and the Secretary is W. Watts Sherman, and the Executive Committee consists of George G. Haven, D. Ogden Mills, Henry A. C. Taylor, William K. Vanderbilt, and William C. Whitney. The Board of Governors are: Samuel D. Babcock, George S. Bowdotn, John L. Cadwalader, Robert Goelet, Ogden Goelet, George G. Haven, Adrian Iselin, Jr., James P. Kernochan, Charles Lanior, Louis L. Lorillard, Henry G. Marquand, D. Ogden Mills, J. Pierpont Morgan, A. Newbold Morris, James B. Roosevelt-W. Watts Sherman, Frank K. Sturgia President of the Stock Exchange; Henry A. C. Taylor, Cornelius Vanderbilt, William E. Vander-bilt, James M. Waterbury, Sidney Webster, George Peabody Wetmore, William C. Whitney and Egerton L. Winthron.

WAR ON THE PEERS.

Rapid Growth of the Agitation Against the

LONDON, Feb. 23.-The Daily News enumerates in a leader this morning thirteen charges against the House of Lords. All these concern the mutilation or rejection of reform proposals during the present Parliamentary

The rapid growth of the popular agitation against the House of Lords," it comments, "is evidenced by daily meetings. We are now face to face with one of the very gravest problems of our constitutional history. This odious institution of hereditary legislators cannot posalbly continue to have a place in free govern-The News says that Lord Salisbury will ad-

vise the Lords not to insist upon any critical amendments of the Parish Councils bill, except those relating to the affairs of the various charities. Many Liberals favor the immediate dissolu-

tion of Parliament in case the Lords adhere to their amendments of the Parish Councils bill. The Daily Notes deprecates such a course as virtually giving the victory to the peers. The Daily Chronicle enthusiastically clamors for this line of action. This morning it says:

Mr. Gladatone, let us go on! Lead us if you can, but anyhow, let us advance!" DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

It Will Occur Within Thirty Days-Glad

London, Feb. 22.-According to the Scotch Unionist press the Conservative, Unionist, and Liberal election agents have been warned that a dissolution of l'arliament will without doubt occur within thirty days, and instructions have been given to make preparations for a new

It is also said that Mr. Gladstone will probably not stand for redlection, in which case Sir James Carmichael will doubtless be the James Carmichaet will doubtless be the Liberal candidare for the Millothian seat occupied by Mr. Gladstons since 1880.

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A Party of Eskimes Who Want to Be Frovited with R-indeer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22—A party of eleven Eskimor was at the Continental Hotel to-day in charge of Capt. Miner W. Bruce. United States Commissioner in charge of the reindeer station to northwest Alasks. They left to-night for Washington, where the Eskimos have an appointment to meet the President on Monday. The object of the visit is to secure an additional appropriation for bringing reindeer from Siberia. These are necessary to furnish a food supply for the natives, who number nearly 3,000. The whales have all been driven north by American whalers, and the walrus has been exterminated practically. This leaves a sale and said life for the support of the sale and said life f

His Condition is Critical and Ris Physicians

New HAVEN, Feb. 22.-Ex-Minister Phelps was resting quietly to-night, but his physicians say he is very weak. Early this morning a decided change for the worse was noted. This morning Dr. D. S. Gilbert, the physician in charge, said: "Prof. Phelps suffered a chill during the night and is very weak. His con-

Prof. Phelps assumed charge of his classes at Yale only a month ago, coming from his home at St. Albans, Vt., at the beginning of the lale winter term. He was then feeling ill as a result of an attack of the grip, and at the outset he was obliged to omit several resistations.

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He gained strength after a week, and during the next fortnight delivered his regular scheduled lectures. A week ago he became worse, with a complication of liver and other troubles, and since then he has gradually lost strength, until two days ago the physicians in attendance said that there was ground for apprehension in his condition. He is at his temporary home on Whitney avenue in this city.

A Young Woman Becomes a Tramp and

HENDERSON, Ky., Feb. 22.-On Encoday night wo young tramps were arrested in a barn on the Starr farm, three miles from Paducah, and taken to the city lock-up. One of them burst In explanation she said that her name was Florence McMurdy, 17 years old, and that her home is in Pittsburgh, where a mother and three sisters reside. She said she was wronged by her compacion, Charles Jacobs, formerly a brakeman on a Pittaburgh railroad, who induced her to adopt men's clothes and who induced her to adopt men's clothes and wander about the country. She says that she married a young man named kd McCali when R, but he deserted her two weeks after marriage. She is a comely gir. A telegram was received here this afternoon from her mother, saying. "Hold and send her home."

The girl was taken in charge by a ladies' benevolent sedlety, and was provided with apparel suited to her sez. Jacobs is still locked up, but without a specific charge against him.

BYRNES MAKES MORE RAIDS.

This Time He Invades the Precincis of Superintendent Byrnes made another raid

on his own account last night upon alleged disorderly houses. He went into the Precinct of Capt. Price again, and also into that of Capt,

The authority to make the raids was obtained from Police Justice livan yesterday at the Jefferson Market Court, where warrants were granted for the arrest of Annie Huntington, the alleged proprietross of a house in West Forty-sixth street, and of any one else who was in the place and of roma Lewis and any communions she might have in her house in Seventh ave nie night have, her house in Setelith avenue.

Detective Sergeants Grade. Titus, Vallely, Sheridan, iruch, Doran, Hahley, and Wade executed the warrants.

They got the two women named, and at the Forir-sixth street house also arrested four other women. The prisoners were all locked up in the West Thirtleth atreet station.

He Will Come from the Northern Part of

NEW ORIEANS, Feb. 22 - After a caucus held here on Wednesday between Gov. Foster and his advisors and the leading representatives of the sugar interests, it was given out by glose friends of the Governor that the appointment of a successor to Senator White would begiven to north Louisians, and that it lay between ex-Gov. McEnery, at present Assoclate Justice of the Suprematiourt of Louisians. and Newton C. Blanchard, Chairman of the

and Newton C. Blacehart, Chairman of the hiver and Harbor Committee of the present congress.

The recoverage said the appointment belonged to the non-super growing part of the State. He said however that he would entrapp set a man who plenged binself a stand to sugar two the to has. Mr. Blace, we left when higher to he has sent a telegram sering that he we will support awar as already as the wilder of any and and would not support the Wilson bill without a duty clause.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

MRS, VANDENBURGH WOULDN'T GO IN

The Widow of Origen Vandenburgh, Whe Had the Breadway Underground Chare

ter-Accused of Sequestering a Mortgage, Mrs. Lliza H. Hobart of 20 West Ninth street applied to Justice Ryan in the Jefferson

Vanderburgh, the Underground Ballroad man-Mrs. Hobart compisined that Mrs. Vanden-burgh had sequestered a chattel mortgage of \$600, given to secure money lent by Mrs. Hobart on furniture and other belongings of Mrs. Vandenburgh. Justice Byan is-sued the warrant, and Court Officers Connolley and McGuckin were detailed to serve it. They reached Mrs. Vandenburgh's

ing woman of 55 years.
She was shocked when the officers stated

ill to leave the house.

The officers explained that they had no discretion in the premises, and had to place, her under arrest so long as she was able to go. They called in a physician, who said that she was not ill. They offered to secure a cab, but

from Bellevue Hospital. It took the ambulance nearly an hour to are rive, and when it did get there Mrs. Vanden-

nolley got up with the driver while McGuckin sat on the back seat with the surgeon. The ambulance started over toward Eighth

avenue. Turning the corner it careened on a snow hear, and finally was everturned altogether. Connolley and the driver were pitched off

Origen Vandenburgh, who died several years ago, was at one time a conspicuous citizen in this city. The Vandenburgh charter for a ratiroad under Broadway, after it had lain in his hands since 18 %, was finally taken holded by a wealthy syndicate, which proposed to hold under it the exclusive right to tunnel under Broadway, and based a rapid transit scheme on the possession of the charter.

The syndicate became involved in a protracted litigation, and an adverse decision of the Supreme Court put an end to it. Mrs. Vandenburgh will be straigned in Jefferson Market Court this morning.

CATHEDRAL SITE ALL RIGHT. Work Going Ahand at Occo On the Spot

Originally Chow It has been decided that the Cathedral of St. John the Divine may be built upon the originai site determined upon at the laying of the corner stone. The cathedral was to be built within the area bounded by Tenth and Morningside avenues and 110th and 113th streets. The trustees decided to have it built with the axis of the structure resting on the line of 112th street. There had been some discussion on this point, the architects, Heins and La Farge preferring to have the axis on the line of 111th street. When Contractor Crimmins began to excavate last summer for founda-

stors to Put on the Service. At the meeting of Good Government Club H

STAGO FOR HER FEBLINGS.

Miss Robinson Lairs Har Lover, but Was

MONOYOU, N. B., Feb. 22 George Binney Dibblee, manager of the Manchester Geardin England, was among the visitors to the World's Fulr last year din his was bound Mr. Dinbles stopped at Mondon, where he mot Miss Mary stopped at Mondon, where he not Mass Mary hobinson, a consin, whem he had ever seen before. He became sugged to be married to Miss hobinson, but upon his return to England decided to annut the rugagement and wrote Miss histoneous to had effect.

The immediately instituted and for 25,089 daultges for breach of pionise of marriage. The lay irvine W. Binney, while her of Custom a here, who is an uncle of the defendant, exting the matter by paying Miss helineous 5500 and the coats of the sult.

HER AMBULANCE UPSETS.

A CAB WHEN ABRESTED.

Market Court yesterday for a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Elizabeth Vanderburgh of 129 West Lighty-third street, widow of Oregin apartments at 4% o'clock in the afternoon. They found her a well-preserved refined looks

their mission and declared that she was too

Mrs. Vandenturgh said she could not go in a cal. They then decided to call an ambulance

burgh consented to accompany the officers.

She was helped into the ambulance and Con-

of 111th street. When Contractor Crimmins began to excavate last summer for foundations for the four piers of the cathedral tower on the 112th street side, he was unable to find solid rock bottom. Wherever he dog he seemed to find "pockets" of soft stome and shale.

It then became a question for the trustees whether they would have the digging continued, with the hope of finding solid rock, or whether they would change the site so that the axis would lie on the line in 111th street. This they did not wish to do, and they empowered the Building Committee to have an engineer sink diamond drills into the ground to see if solid rock could be found.

The work was done by tien. Sooy-Smith, and his report was presented to the trustees at their last meeting. The trustees were glad to learn that they could build the cathedral in any part of their land, as far as solid rock on which to build entered into the question. Many different borings were made, and every time solid rock was struck, though at different depths, ranging from ten and fourteen feet up to fifty-two iset, which latter is only two feet deeper than the point reached last summer when the excavation was stopped.

The trustees approved the report, and decided that work should go on at once on the foundation on the site originally chosen. It was the desire of the trustees that work should proceed as soon as possible, so that some of the many men out of work could find employment, but the trustees who were seen reatorday said that but a comparatively small number could be set to work at present. In the suring, however, it is expected that quite a large force may find work. The work being done at the present time is only on the foundations for the choir, which, however, is no inconsiderable portion of the entire structure.

WHY NOT MAKE BLISS THILLS Here's a Cheace for the Investigating Sea-

at EBS Fact Twenty-third street on Wednes-day night, E. E. Bliss, Jr., one of the trustees, said that he knew that one of the recently appointed police Captains had to pay \$10,000 to get the place.

Mr. littes is in the butcher business at 294 First archive. He reseated the statement restorday when seen hy a nin reporter.

I know that it is no," he had, "but I will not say who the tayloran in If I gave his payed in initiat get the man in trouble who told the I would be a foot to tell under these circumstances. I also know a roundaman who paid \$100 to get in the force and who is now a can disce for a servesanter, and is saving up no new so that he will have the put he had be investigated who he is but he has said that it will cost him \$2.000 to get prometion. said that he knew that one of the recently ap-